

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)*

historic Safberg House *Burley Hill*

and/or common Eschenburg House *

2. Location

street & number 102 South Main Street not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard W. Eschenburg

street & number 102 South Main Street telephone no.: 301-641-2024

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. W0205

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Eschenburg house at 102 South Main Street, Berlin, sits above the street on the west side. The hill front is embanked by a brick wall with cement top that returns at the north corner of the property. A flight of terra cotta steps interrupts the wall toward the south end. The steps, corners and end of returns are punctuated by brick piers.

The 1½-story dwelling is frame construction covered with stucco and has a gable roof with jerkinhead ends. The wide roof overhang is boxed with decorative braces on the gable sides and ends. Lower cross gables are centered in the front and rear facade, each with a 6/6 window flanked by slightly shorter 6/6 windows.

The principal facade (east) has five bays, the door being in the central bay. The entrance features side lights with twelve panes. The remaining bays are 9/1 windows. A small portico with a flat roof is centered under the cross gable at the entrance. It is distinguished by a pair of large square tapered columns and a low arch.

Extensions on the north and south ends, originally symmetrical, have been enclosed on the north and enlarged on the south. Each features the same deep overhang with braces. A band of unstuccoed brick marks the top of the foundation around the entire structure.

8. Significance

Survey No. WO-205

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1928 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This dwelling was built in 1928 by the Safburg family, according to the current owner. The house is unique in style and combination of materials to Berlin and as such contributes to the range of early twentieth century houses in the historic district.

The brick wall, and "Burley Hill" set in terra cotta tile at the base of the steps predate the house. The wall also embanks the property on the south and since the steps are centered in the frontage of the combined properties, lends strong evidence to the local story ownership by the Ettinger family who planned to build a large house with stable and servants' quarters. The plans were altered by World War I and the property divided. The existence of a large frame dwelling at the rear of the Eschenburg property creates speculation that this was one of the Ettinger buildings and merits further study.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WO-205

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Page Hammond

organization Berlin Historic District Commission date November, 1985

street & number 313 South Main Street telephone 301-641-0773

city or town Berlin state MD 21811

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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